

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New Mexico Department of Public Safety (DPS) will hold a public hearing via Microsoft Teams, on April 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The members of the public may attend the Microsoft Teams meeting on a computer, mobile device, or telephone. The videoconference's Meeting ID and Password, videoconference link, and telephone number are as follows:

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The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment and input on proposed amendments to 18.19.8 NMAC, Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 36, 39, 40, 52, 57, 58, 62, 63, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 96 and 99, effective 6/1/2022.

An amendment to NMAC Rule 18.19.8.82 will make the requirement for escort vehicles to accompany overlength vehicles in New Mexico, conform to the practice in states adjacent to New Mexico. The amendment will require any commercial vehicle, combination or load more than 110 feet and one inch, but no more than 120 feet and one inch, in length to travel through New Mexico with a single vehicle escort. Vehicles, combination or loads which exceed 120 feet and one inch in length will be required to be accompanied by two escort vehicles. This change will allow interstate commerce to proceed through New Mexico in a more efficient manner.

The proposed additional amendment to section 82 and the proposed amendments to sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 36, 39, 40, 52, 57, 58, 62, 63, 80, 81, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 96 and 99 are for the purpose of distinguishing between the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation, for stylistic purposes or both.

The amendment to the proposed rule is promulgated pursuant to Section 29-3A-6 NMSA 1978.

Interested persons may comment at the public hearing or submit written statements to DPS c/o Captain Joseph J. Romero, 4491 Cerrillos Road, P.O. Box 1628, Santa Fe, NM 87504, or by electronic mail to: Joseph.Romero12@state.nm.us. All written statements must be received no later than April 6, 2022, or at the public hearing. Early submission of written statements is encouraged.

Copies of the proposed rule may be obtained prior to the hearing at all DPS district, field, ports of entry, and regional offices, at the DPS website, <http://www.dps.state.nm.us>, on the sunshine portal, or by contacting Joseph R. Romero by telephone at (505) 827-9084 or by email at Joseph.Romero@state.nm.us.

Individuals with disabilities who need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact Captain Joseph Romero. DPS requires at least ten calendar days advance notice to provide special accommodations.